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tional object, is the exercise of that judgment and sedulous attention which they so eminently possess. Could my name add any interest to the cause, with pleasure should it be inserted, but intending at some future period to express my sentiments on the subdivision of land, short tenures and rack rents, shall subscribe myself, AGRICOLA.

Our Correspondent sent an estimate of his profit, but the value of the flax-seed appears so over-rated that we are apprehensive of a mistake in the calculation. As the season for pulling flax is at hand, we are unwilling to delay publishing the letter, by waiting to have the accuracy of the statement ascertained. We request Agricola will re-examine the account; if necessary it may be inserted in our next number.

For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.

A TEST OF THE SECURITY OF VACCINATION.

ON looking over the last number of the London Monthly Magazine, I perceive that the following method to discover whether the patient has regularly passed through the cow pox, so as to be effectually secured from the small pox, is recommended on the authority of Dr. Jenner. The dissemination of this intelligence through your Magazine, may be useful.

A READER.

LET a patient be selected, on whose arms the vaccine pustules have *regularly* advanced to the 7th, 8th, or 9th day: from one of these pustules, let the subject intended to be put to the test of security be re-vaccinated. At the same time, and with a portion of the same vaccine fluid, let another child, who never has had either the cow-pox or the small-pox, be also vaccinated. On the arms of the child put to this test, if it was previously secure, the virus will produce in a short space of time (two or three days perhaps) an inflammation around the parts punctured, and sometimes small irregular vesicles, accompanied with itching, which commonly dies away, long before the regular pocks on the arms of the child that had not been secured, arrive at maturity. The reason why Dr. Jenner recommends the vaccination of a child not in a doubtful state, with the one whose situation may be supposed doubtful, is to prove to a certainty, that the vaccine fluid employed, is in a state of perfection. The insertion of variolous matter by way of test, in the early periods of the vaccine practice was adopted and recommended by Dr. Jenner; but although it did not produce the small pox on those previously vaccinated, it sometimes occasioned very extensive and troublesome inflammation on the arms.

For the Belfast Monthly Magazine.

A LETTER ADDRESSED TO A YOUNG NOBLEMAN JUST ENTERING UPON THE POSSESSION OF A GREAT ESTATE.

MY LORD,

THE very eminent station which your Lordship's rank and property has placed you in, is alone sufficient to render you both a conspicuous and an important character in the world. The dignity which mankind, by the consent of common courtesy, have attached to exalted stations, has descended to you with your titles and estates. This will command the admiration and respect of the bulk of mankind, who will readily give your lordship credit for many of those virtues which ought to adorn the rank of life which you are called to fill. But, my lord, something more than the possession of hereditary estates and titles is necessary to give your lordship a real title to the character of a great and a good man. Something more than the bare *imputation* of *virtue* is necessary to your obtaining that *permanent reputation* for wisdom and virtue, which will proclaim you the friend of mankind during your life, and hand down your name with honourable respectability to that posterity, which will truly appreciate, and impartially exhibit your real character to the world at large

It is particularly unfortunate for mankind in general, as well as for the nobility themselves, that the fashionable mode of education is calculated to debar them from the acquisition of almost every species of knowledge which a man of common sense sees to be absolutely necessary to qualify them for the discharge of the great and important duties which are inseparably attached to their exalted stations. The